

OS# 91 0449

14 JUN 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

FROM: Carl A. Darby
Acting Chief, Special Investigations
and Support Group

SUBJECT: Referral of Information Concerning Possible
Violation of Federal Law

REFERENCE: TARANTO, Terry M.
OS#2 102 441

1. The Office of Security is referring the following information to you for whatever action you deem necessary. (U)

2. Mr. Terry M. Taranto is a 36-year-old, married, GS-12, former Staff employee whose last assignment was as a Polygraph Examiner in the Office of Security, Directorate of Administration. It has come to the attention of the Office of Security that in the performance of his duties, Mr. Taranto knowingly manipulated polygraph tracings in a number of the tests he conducted. Mr. Taranto's reasons for engaging in unethical polygraph procedures evolved out of stress from the job. The Office of Security has no evidence that Mr. Taranto profited in any form from his actions, or that he acted in collusion with any of the people for whom he conducted polygraph examinations. This information is being reported to your office because it is possible that Mr. Taranto violated federal criminal law. (C)

3. The Office of Security has initiated a review of all of Mr. Taranto's polygraph investigations to ensure that the security screening function was not obviated. Furthermore, appropriate administrative action has been taken. Mr. Taranto resigned from this Agency effective 16 March 1990. (C)

4. Please refer any questions regarding this case to Mr. Larry D. Miller, Security Support Division (40177, secure). (U)


Carl A. Darby

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Office of General Counsel

Honorable Robert S. Mueller, III
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mark M. Richard, Esq.
Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Dear Mr. Mueller:

I am writing to you pursuant to section 1.7(a) of Executive Order 12333 to report information concerning possible violations of federal criminal law.

It recently has been brought to our attention that five Agency polygraphers knowingly falsified certain reports concerning the processing of individuals for security clearances. This Agency has no evidence that these individuals derived any gain from their actions, or that they acted in collusion with any other person. In each case, the individual stated their reason for engaging in such behavior was because of stress from the job.

An appropriate office in this Agency has initiated a review of all the investigations conducted by these individuals to ensure that the security screening function was not compromised. Furthermore, appropriate administrative action has been taken in all but one case. Four individuals have resigned. The one remaining individual is on official military leave and will return to the Agency on 1 July 1991, at which time appropriate administrative action will be taken.

Betty Almario, of this Office, (703/874-3137) is the focal point for any further information you may require concerning this matter. For reference purposes, these cases have been designated Case Nos. 91-45 to 91-49.

Sincerely,

Edmund Cohen
Deputy General Counsel
for
Management

30 January 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

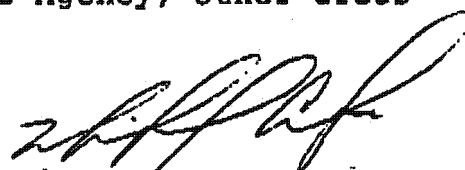
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1. On 30 January 1992, the undersigned will meet with Bruce Cooper, Office of General Council (OGC), Larry Miller, Deputy Chief, Polygraph Group (DC/PG), and Peter Clark, a Department of Justice (DoJ) attorney regarding the above listed Subject who was involved in unethical polygraph procedures where tests were knowingly manipulated. Office of Security has no evidence that the Subject profited in any form from his actions, or that he acted in collusion with any of the people for whom he conducted polygraph examinations. (C)

2. The Subject has resigned from the Agency. James Archibald/OGC was already advised of the meeting. (C)

3. Mr. Clark reviewed the Subject's file but did not take any notes during the meeting. Mr. Clark geared the majority of his questions towards Mr. Miller in order to gain a better understanding of what occurred, the impact caused by the Subject's altering the tests, the Agency course of action already taken towards the Subject, background/biographical information on the Subject, and why should DoJ get involved. (C)

4. Mr. Clark advised DoJ will have to gather as much information as possible from PG to determine the financial cost of time and research it will take for PG to review the thousands of altered tests administered by the Subject. Mr. Clark stated that was one of DoJ's areas of concern. Mr. Clark added, as DoJ gathers factual information provided by this Agency, other areas of concern may develop. (C)



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